



**11th ASIA-EUROPE YOUNG LEADERS SYMPOSIUM
FIRST ASIA-EUROPE YOUNG URBAN LEADERS DIALOGUE
Madrid, Spain
10 - 16 November 2008**

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Asia-Europe Foundation and Madrid Global (International Strategy and Action Office of Madrid's City Council), are pleased to invite your organisation to send a representative to participate at the **First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue** to be held in **Madrid, Spain, from the 10th to the 16th November 2008**.

The Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia have been conceived to offer an open forum for closer and more regular contacts and dialogue among the next generation of leaders in both regions, on a wide range of issues that affect political, social and economic developments in the ASEM countries. The Symposia have got a triple objective: to strengthen cultural links and mutual understanding by providing participants a platform for informal dialogues on key issues in Asia-Europe relations; to create human networks among young leaders in the two regions; and to encourage participants to foster a common vision of Asia-Europe co-operation for the development of future ASEM initiatives.

During this 5-day event, up to 50 young, forward looking professionals, belonging to or whose field of expertise is based in capital or major cities and/or regions in Asia and Europe together with guest-speakers and experts in the field from the 43 ASEM countries and 2 institutions¹, will actively participate in the creation of networks and contacts among emerging young leaders and professionals from the main urban settlements on both continents. The *Dialogue* will also foster the creation of a space for transferring and exchanging knowledge, as well as analysing experiences that contribute to having urban experiences based on the commitment and participation of everyone involved and favouring a know-how transfer between the cities of all ASEM member countries through a permanent and continuous debate.

Attendance to the Conference, materials, meals and accommodation will be provided free of charge. Participants are expected, however, to pay for their travel costs to Spain. The organisers may help partially defray the international travel costs of participants who need assistance by providing a travel subsidy. In this sense, the maximum amount reimbursed cannot exceed 50% of the total travel costs (up to EUR 250 for participants residing in Europe, while the maximum amount for residents in Asia is EUR 500). Participants residing in Spain are not eligible for any travel subsidy.

The official tentative Programme, Fact Sheet and Registration Form are attached for your perusal. The deadline for registration is **the 15th September 2008**.

Kindly indicate your interest to attend, by sending the completed Application Form attached to Mr Bogdan Imre at People-to-People Exchange Department, Asia-Europe Foundation through email bogdan.imre@asef.org or fax +65 6872 1207.

We look very much forward to welcoming you to Madrid!

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